

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UW-091751
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 02
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
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CAMANO HILLS WATER)	ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT
COMPANY,)	AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF
)	REVISIONS; ALLOWING REVISED
Respondent.)	TARIFF REVISIONS
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 9, 2009, Camano Hills Water Company (Camano Hills or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as First Revision Sheet 20, First Revision Sheet 22, First Revision Sheet 22.1, First Revision Sheet 23 and adding Original Sheet 24.
- 2 The Company serves about 155 residential and upsize meter customers on Camano Island in Island County. The proposed effective date is January 1, 2010. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on January 1, 2007.
- 3 On December 23, 2009, the Commission entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions pending an investigation to determine whether the revisions are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 4 After review and discussions, Staff and the Company agreed to a revised revenue requirement of \$24,786 (26 percent) in additional annual revenue and revised rates. On January 26, 2010, the Company filed revised rates at Staff recommended levels. Staff and the Company agreed to a February 12, 2010, effective date.
- 5 Staff's revised rate design is different from the Company's original proposal to customers. Staff's revised rate design adjusts the water usage blocks, increases usage rates in each usage block, sets upsize meter rates and usage blocks, and decreases the rate for the base charge.

- 6 A residential customer using 849 cubic feet of water per month (the calculated Company-wide average water usage) would pay \$17.11 (50.4 percent) more per month using the revised rates instead of \$20.19 (59.5 percent) more using the original rates proposed by the Company.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including water companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.*
- 8 (2) Camano Hills is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 9 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 11, 2010.
- 10 (4) The revised tariff revisions filed on January 26, 2010, are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient because Camano Hills has demonstrated that it requires additional revenue and has filed revised rates at Staff's recommended levels.
- 11 (5) After reviewing the tariff revisions Camano Hills filed in Docket UW-091751 and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public interest to dismiss the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket UW-091751, dated December 23, 2009, and allow revised tariff revisions filed in this docket on January 26, 2010, to become effective on February 12, 2010.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) The Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in Docket UW-091751,
 entered on December 23, 2009, is dismissed.
- 13 (2) The revised tariff revisions Camano Hills Water Company filed in this docket on
 January 26, 2010, shall become effective on February 12, 2010.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 11, 2010.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner